March 1, 1999

Magalie Roman Salas, Esquire Secretary Federal Communications Commission Room 222 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, DC 20554



Dear Ms. Salas,

Enclosed is an original and four copies of a Petition for Rule Making to amend the FM table of allotments for a new FM broadcast station for Maricopa, California.

Sincerely,

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In the matter of:	)		THE SECRETARY
Amendment of Section 73.202 (b)	) ,	RM-	
Table of Allotments	) (	_	
FM Broadcast Stations	)′		
(Maricopa, California)	,		

# PETITION FOR RULE MAKING

In this petition, Mountain West Broadcasting is hereby requesting to allot channel 235A (94.9 Mhz) to Maricopa, California as its first local FM allotment.

### INTRODUCTION

1. This statement is a petition for rule making to allot FM channel 235A (94.9 Mhz) to Maricopa and add it to the Commission's FM table of allotments, 73.202. The following will show the need for an FM channel and the effects the allotment of Channel 235A to Maricopa will have.

#### DISCUSSION

2. Maricopa is located in Southern California. It is also located within Kern County, a county of some 543,477 persons. Maricopa has a population of 1,193 persons in accordance with the U.S. 1990 census.

3. The allotment of channel 235A to Maricopa will provide the first local broadcast facility to the community and/or the surrounding area. The closest FM allotment to Maricopa is located at Ford City, California. Ford City is located 7 kilometers from Maricopa.

It is obvious that from the above spacing that Maricopa is presently without local FM service.

- 4. Maricopa would greatly benefit from an FM allotment due to the fact there is no AM or FM broadcast facilities within 7 Kilometers of Maricopa. Because of this, it would have an outlet for local self expression. Health and safety for the community would be increased due to having a local communications outlet for warning the Maricopa area of emergency conditions caused by severe weather or other health hazards.
- 5. Channel 235A can be allotted to Maricopa and meet all rules and requirements of the Commission. The instant proposal will not cause a change in the channel number or a deletion of any channel now appearing in the Commission's table of allotments 73.202.

	<u>Present</u>	Proposed	
Maricopa, California	*****	235A	

6. In accordance with 73.207 of the Commission's rules, "Minimum Distance Separations between Stations", all allotments on Channel 235A and the pertinent adjacent channels to 235A have been studied with the results listed in Figure 1 of this petition. The geographic coordinates used for the spacing

Study (N 35 - 05' - 12", W. 119 - 25' - 56") are that of a site located 3.8 kilometers northwest of the community of Maricopa. A site restriction of 3.8 kilometers northwest will be required to allot channel 235A to Maricopa. Many suitable transmitter sites are available to provide city grade coverage (3.16 mv/m or 70 dbu) to the entire community of Maricopa. These sites would also provide full minimum spacing requirements to other allotments.

#### CONCLUSION

- 7. It has been shown that Maricopa would benefit from the allotment of channel 235A. It has also been shown that channel 235A can be allotted to Maricopa and meet all rules regarding spacing from other stations. Considering these two facts, Mountain West Broadcasting hereby requests that the Federal Communications Commission institute a Rule Making proceeding to amend the Table of Allotments to include channel 235A for Maricopa, California, 73,202.
- 8. Should channel 235A be allotted to Maricopa, I certify that I will file an application for a Construction Permit to operate an FM station for Maricopa, California.

## **CERTIFICATION**

9. I certify that I have prepared or directly supervised the preparation of this entire Petition for Rule Making, and that the facts contained within are true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, accurate and true.

Dated:

March 1, 1999

Respectfully submitted,

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MAPFM search of channel 235A6 (94.9 MHz), at N. 35 5 12, W. 119 25 56.

Searchi	ing Channel 235A6 (9	4.9	MHz	<b>):</b>						
CALL	CITY		ST	CHN	CL	S	DIST	SEPN	BRNG	CLEARANCE
ALC	Ellwood		CA	233	В	U	83.8	69.0	209.6°	14.8
KSPEFM	Ellwood		CA	233	В	L	78.7	69.0	217.7°	9.7
ALC	Los Angeles		CA	234	В	U	157.8	113.0	127.3°	44.8
KTWVFM	Los Angeles		CA	234	В	L	157.8	113.0	127.3°	44.8
ALC	Tulare		CA	235	В	U	177.7	178.0	14.4°	-0.3
ALC	Cambria		CA	235	B1	U	155.9	143.0		12.9
KBOSFM	Tulare		CA	235	В	${f L}$	177.7	178.0	14.4°	-0.3
KOTRFM	Cambria		CA	235	B1	L	155.9	143.0	288.1°	12.9
ALC	Avenal		CA	236	A	U	117.9	72.0	330.4°	45.9
ALC	Ventura		CA	236	В	U	96.6	113.0	167.4°	-16.4
KAAX	Avenal		CA	236	Α	С	117.9	72.0	330.4°	45.9
KBBYFM	Ventura		CA	236	В	L	113.3	113.0	162.4°	0.3
ALC	Oildale		CA	237	B1	U	63.1	48.0	38.2°	15.1
ALC	Pismo Beach		CA	237	A	U	110.0	31.0	274.0°	79.0
KLLY	Oildale		CA	237	<b>B1</b>	L	55.8	48.0	42.2°	7.8
KXTZ	Pismo Beach		CA	237	A	L	110.0	31.0	274.0°	79.0
ALC	Ojai		CA	288	A	U	82.3	10.0	173.8°	72.3
KKBE	Ojai		CA	288	A	L	82.3	10.0		72.3
KKBE-1	Oak View		CA	288	D	L	76.5	0.0	170.5°	76.5

FIGURE 1
MARICOPA, CALIFORNIA
MOUNTAIN WEST BROADCASTING